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For Augustine's *Confessions*, William Watts's translation of 1631 is here reprinted with introduction and Scriptural references by Mr. Rouse, one of the general editors. In view of Harnack's remark that the diction and phraseology of modern Christianity, in prayer and hymn and discourse, are directly traceable to Augustine, it was probably wise to select this version, contemporary with the King James Bible, out of the four or five that exist in English. But the editor might have exercised his discretion in correcting more errors, and even making considerable alterations in the interest of a clearer modern idiom. Thus, when Augustine describes his mother's devotion he says (Book ix, chapter iv): "*Matre adhaerente nobis, muliebri habitu, virili fide, anili securitate, materna caritate, Christiana pietate.*" The English of Watts—"and with my mother likewise inseparably sticking unto us, in a woman's habit verily, but with a masculine faith, void of worldly care as a woman in her years should be, yet employing a matronly charity and a Christian piety"—is not only too diffuse when compared with the terse original, but lacks its dignity and climactic power.

Future editions should correct many misprints, especially in the Greek, and German commas before restrictive relative clauses in the original texts, Greek and Latin, might be removed to advantage.

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LUTHER'S CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY LETTERS. Translated and edited by PRESERVED SMITH, Ph.D. Vol. I, 1507-1521. The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia. 1913.

Dr. Smith follows up his *Life and Letters of Martin Luther* (1911) with this first volume of a translation of letters written by and to the Reformer, adding also such other contemporary epistles as serve to illustrate important episodes in his life. The translation is accompanied but not overburdened by useful notes giving information as to persons and conditions. It is mainly Dr. Smith's own work, but includes also a number of letters already done into English elsewhere. The volume should prove a welcome addition to the working material of Luther students and is at the same time adapted to the needs of the general reader.